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To WINCE. *v. n.* [*guings*, Welsh.] To kick as impatient of a rider, or of pain.

I will fit as quiet as a lamb,
Room, room, for my horse will wince,
If he came within so many yards of a prince.
The angry beast did straight resent
The wrong done to his fundament,
Began to kick, and fling, and wince,
As if he had been beside his sense.

WINCH. *n. f.* [*guincher*, French, to twist.] A windlass; something held in the hand by which a wheel or cylinder is turned.

Put a winch with the wheel.
To WINCH. *v. a.* [The same with *wince*, or perhaps from *guincher*, French, to twist; *winch* signifying sometimes to writhe or contort the body.] To kick with impatience; to shrink from any uneasiness.

We who have free souls,
It touches not, let the gall'd jade wince;
Our withers are unwrung.
Have these bones rattled, and this head
So often in thy quarrel bled!
Nor did I ever wince or grudge it.
This left allusion gaul'd the panther more;
Yet seem'd he not to wince, tho' shrewdly pain'd.
Their consciences are gall'd, and this makes them wince
and fling, as if they had some mettle.

WINDPIPE. *n. f.*
There is a small red flower in the stubble-fields, which country people call the *windpipe*; which if it open in the morning, you may be sure, a fair day will follow.

WIND. *n. f.* [*pinb*, Saxon; *wind*, Dutch; *gwynt*, Welsh.] *r.* Wind is when any tract of air moves from the place it is in, to any other, with an impetus that is sensible to us, wherefore it was not ill called by the antients, a swifter course of air; a flowing wave of air; a flux, effusion, or stream of air.

The worthy fellow is our general. He's the rock, the oak not to be wind-shaken.

Love's heralds should be thoughts,
Which ten times faster glides than the sun beams,
Driving back shadows over low-lying hills.
Therefore do nimble-pinion'd doves draw love;
And therefore hath the wind-swift Cupid wings.
Falmouth lieth farther out in the trade way, and so offereth a sooner opportunity to wind-driven ships than Plymouth.
Wind is nothing but a violent motion of the air, produced by its rarefaction, more in one place than another, by the sun-beams, the attractions of the moon, and the combinations of the earth's motions.

2. Direction of the blast from a particular point. As eastward; westward.

I'll give thee a wind.
I myself have all the other,
And the very points they blow;
All the quarters that they know
T' th' shipman's card.

3. Breath; power or act of respiration.

If my wind were but long enough to say my prayers, I would repeat.
His wind he never took whilst the cup was at his mouth, but justly observ'd the rule of drinking with one breath.
The perfume of the flowers, and their virtues to cure shortness of wind in purify old men, seems to agree most with the orange.

It stop'd at once the passage of his wind,
And the free soul to flitting air resign'd.

4. Air caused by any action.

On each side her
Stood pretty dimpled boys, like smiling Cupids
With divers colour'd fans, whose wind did seem
To glow the delicate cheeks which they did cool.
In an organ, from one blast of wind,
To many a row of pipes the sound-board breathes.

5. Breath modulated by an instrument.

Where the air is pent, there breath or other blowing, which carries but a gentle percussion, suffices to create sound; as in pipes and wind instruments.

Their instruments were various in their kind,
Some for the bow, and some for breathing wind.

6. Air impregnated with scent.

A hare had long escap'd pursuing hounds,
By often shifting into distant grounds,
Till finding all his artifices vain,
To save his life, he leap'd into the main.
But there, alas! he could no safety find,
A pack of dog-fish had him in the wind.

7. Flatulence; windiness.

It turns
Wisdom to folly, as nourishment to wind.

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8. Any thing insignificant or light as wind.

Think not with wind of airy threats to awe.
9. Down the WIND. To decay.

A man that had a great veneration for an image in his house, found that the more he prayed to it to prosper him in the world, the more he went down the wind still.
10. To take or have the WIND. To gain or have the upper-hand.

Let a king in council beware how he opens his own inclinations too much, for else counsellors will but take the wind of him; instead of giving free counsel.

To WIND. *v. a.* [*pinban*, Sax. *winden*, Dutch. from the noun.] 1. To blow; to found by inflation.

The squire 'gan nigher to approach,
And wind his horn under the castle wall,
That with the noise it shook as it would fall.

Every Triton's horn is winding,
Welcome to the wat'ry plain.

Ye vigorous swains! while youth ferments your blood,
Wind the shrill horn, or spread the waving net.

2. To turn round; to twist.

Nero could touch and time the harp well; but in government sometimes he used to wind the pins too high, and sometimes let them down too low.

The figure of a sturdy woman done by Michael Angelo, walking and winding of linen cloaths, in which act she wrings out the water that made the fountain.

Wind the wood-bine round this arbour.

3. To regulate in action.

He vaulted with such ease into his seat,
As if an angel dropt down from the clouds,
To turn and wind a fiery pegasus,
And witch the world with noble horsemanship.

In a commonwealth or realm,
The government is call'd the helm;
With which, like vessels under sail,
They're turn'd and winded by the tail.

4. To note; to follow by scent.

And often wind, as of his mistress proud,
With longing eyes to meet her face again.

5. To turn by shifts or expedients.

Whence turning of religion's made
The means to turn and wind a trade.

6. To introduce by insinuation.

You have contriv'd to take
From Rome all feason'd offices, and to wind
Yourself into a power tyrannical.

Edmund, seek him out, frame me into him, frame the business after your own wisdom.

Little arts and dexterities they have to wind in such things into discourse.

7. To change.

Were our legislature vested in the prince, he might wind and turn our constitution at his pleasure, and shape our government to his fancy.

8. To entwine; to enclose; to encircle.

Sleep thou and I will wind thee in my arms.
You know me well, and herein spend but time
To wind about my love with circumstance.

9. To wind out. To extricate.

When he found himself dangerously embarked he bethought himself of all possible ways to disentangle himself, and to wind himself out of the labyrinth he was in.

10. To WIND up. To bring to a small compass, as a bottom of thread.

Without solemnly winding up one argument, and intimating that he began another, he lets his thoughts, which were fully possessed of the matter, run in one continued strain.

11. To WIND up. [Used of a watch.] To convolve the spring; to put in order to a certain end.

I frown the while, and perchance wind up my watch, or play with some rich jewel.

Fate seem'd to wind him up for fourscore years,
Yet freshly ran he on, ten winters more.

12. To WIND up. To raise by degrees.

These he did wind up to his purpose that they withdrew from the court.

When they could not coolly convince him, they rallied and called him an heretic: thus they wound up his temper to a pitch, and treacherously made use of that infirmity.

13. To WIND up. To straiten a string by turning that on which it is rolled; to put in tune.

Hylas! why fit we mute,
Now that each bird faluteth the spring?
Wind up the slacken'd strings of thy lute,
Never canst thou want matter to sing.

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Your lute may wind its strings but little higher
To tune their notes to that immortal quire.

15. To WIND up. To put in order for regular action: from a watch.

O you kind gods!
Cure this great breach of his abused nature;
Th' untun'd and jarring senses, O, wind up,
Of this child changed father.

The wey'd sisters, hand in hand,
Poets of the sea and land,
Thus do go about, about,
Thrice to thine, and thrice to mine,
And thrice again to make up nine:

Pence, the charm's wound up.

To WIND. *v. n.*

1. To turn; to change.

So swift your judgments turn and wind,
You cast our fleetest wits a mile behind.

2. To turn; to be convolved.

Some plants can support themselves, and some others creep along the ground, or wind about other trees, and cannot support themselves.

3. To move round.

If aught obstruct thy course, yet stand not still,
But wind about, till thou hast topp'd the hill.

4. To proceed in flexures.

It shall not wind with such a deep indent,
As rob me of so rich a bottom here.

Through the pure marble air his oblique way,
Amongst innumerable stars.

5. To be extricated; to be disentangled.

Where woman's crooked fancy turns and winds,
Still fix thy eyes intent upon the throng,
And, as the passies open, wind along.

He took the path that winded to the cave.

6. To be extricated; to be disentangled.

Long lab'ring underneath, ere they could wind
Out of such prison.

WINDBOUND. *adj.* [*wind* and *bound*.] Confin'd by contrary winds.

Yet not for this the windbound navy weigh'd;
Slack were their sails, and Neptune disobey'd.

When I bestir myself, it is high sea in his house; and when I sit still, his affairs forthwith are windbound.

Is it reasonable that our English fleet, which used to be the terror of the ocean, should be windbound?

WINDEGG. *n. f.* An egg not impregnated; an egg that does not contain the principles of life.

Sound eggs sink, and such as are added swim; as do also those termed hypenemia, or windeggs.

WINDER. *n. f.* [from *wind*.]

1. An instrument or person by which any thing is turned round.

2. To keep troublesome servants out of the kitchen, leave the winder sticking on the jack to fall on their heads.

3. A plant that twists itself round others.

Plants that put forth their sap hastily, have their bodies not proportionable to their length; and therefore they are winders and creepers, as ivy and bryony.

WINDFALL. *n. f.* [*wind* and *fall*.] Fruit blown down from the tree.

Gather now, if ripe, your Winter fruits, as apples, to prevent their falling by the great winds; also gather your windfalls.

WINDFLOWER. *n. f.* The anemone. A flower.

WINDGALL. *n. f.* [*wind* and *gall*.]

Windgalls are soft, yielding, statulent tumours or bladders, full of corrupt jelly, which grow upon each side of the fetlock joints, and are so painful in hot weather and hard ways, that they make a horse to halt.

4. His horse infected with the fashion, full of windgalls, and sped with spavins.

WINDGUN. *n. f.* [*wind* and *gun*.] Gun which discharges the bullet by means of wind compressed.

The windgun is charged by the forcible compression of air, being injected through a syringe; the frisks and distention of the imprisoned air forcing, by the help of little falls or thrusts within, to stop and keep close the vents by which it was admitted.

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Forc'd from windguns, lead itself can fly,
And wondrous flugs cut swiftly through the sky.

WINDINESS. *n. f.* [from *windy*.]

1. Fulness of wind; flatulence.

A windiness and puffing up of your stomach after dinner, and in the morning.

2. Tendency to generate wind.

3. Tumour; puffiness.

From this his modest and humble charity, virtues which rarely cohabit with the swelling windiness of much knowledge, issued this.

WINDING. *n. f.* [from *wind*.] Flexure; meander.

It was the pleasantest voyage in the world to follow the windings of this river Inn, through such a variety of pleasing scenes as the course of it naturally led us.

The ways of heav'n are dark and intricate;
Our understanding traces them in vain,
Nor sees with how much art the windings run,
Nor where the regular confusion ends.

WINDINGSHEET. *n. f.* [*wind* and *sheet*.] A sheet in which the dead are enwrapped.

These arms of mine shall be thy windingsheets.

My heart, sweet boy, shall be thy windingsheet.

For from my heart thine image ne'er shall go.

The great windingsheets, that bury all things in oblivion, are deluges and earthquakes.

The chaste Penelope, having, as she thought, lost Ulysses at sea, employed her time in preparing a windingsheet for Laertes, the father of her husband.

WINDLASS. *n. f.* [*wind* and *lass*.]

1. A handle by which a rope or lace is wrapped together round a cylinder.

2. A handle by which any thing is turned.

Thus do we of wisdom and of reach,
With windlasser, and with assays of byas,
By indirections find directions out.

WINDLE. *n. f.* [from *To wind*.] A spindle.

WINDMILL. *n. f.* [*wind* and *mill*.] A mill turned by the wind.

We like Don Quixote do advance
Against a windmill our vain lance.

Such a failing chariot might be more conveniently framed with moveable sails, whose force may be imprefsed from their motion, equivalent to those in a windmill.

Windmills grind twice the quantity in an hour that watermills do.

His fancy has made a giant of a windmill, and he's now engaging it.

WINDOW. *n. f.* [*windus*, Danish. Skinner thinks it originally *wind-door*.]

1. An aperture in a building by which air and light are introduced.

Being one day at my window all alone,
Many strange things happened me to see.

A fair view her window yields,
The town, the river, and the fields.

He through a little window cast his sight,
Though thick of bars that gave a scanty light;
But ev'n that glimmering serv'd him to delivery
Th' inevitable charms of Emily.

When you leave the windows open for air, leave books on the window-seat, that they may get air too.

2. The frame of glass or any other materials that covers the aperture.

To thee I do commend my watchful soul,
Ere I let fall the windows of mine eyes:
Sleeping or waking, oh defend me still!

In the sun's light, let into my darkened chamber through a small round hole in my window-shutter, at about ten or twelve feet from the window, I placed a lens.

3. Lines crossing each other.

The fav'rite, that just begins to prattle,
Is very humorous, and makes great clatter,
'Till he has windrows on his bread and butter.

4. An aperture resembling a window.

To WINDOW. *v. a.* [from the noun.]

1. To furnish with windows.

Between these half columns above, the whole room was windowed round.

With pert flat eyes the window'd well its head,
A brain of feathers, and a heart of lead.

2. To place at a window.

Wouldst thou be wind w'd in great Rome, and see
Thy master thus with plach arms, bending down
His corrigible neck, his face subdu'd
To penetrative shame?